

THE CITY VOODOO DOCTOR.

A Peculiar Specimen in Cincinnati—His Diagnosis of a Case.

The "hoodoo" sentiment is as strong among the superstitious lower classes of the colored people of Cincinnati as it is with the darkies of Louisiana and Mississippi. Only the other day it cropped out in the police court, where a middle-aged defendant swore with all earnestness that a woman had tried to "kunjor" him by placing in his bed a snake's head, rabbit's foot, and other recognized emblems of the magic art, and that to rid himself of the effects of these charms he had to walk over a mile and throw them in the river. Among the darkies of the south, where this mysterious superstition originated and holds its sway, the snake, rabbit's foot, and all kinds of "yarks" are the cure-alls and charm-alls of creation. With them the most wonderful things can be accomplished and the most dreaded disease overcome. The "doctor" is looked upon with terror and reverence by these disciples of voodooism.

Cincinnati has a very distinguished leader among these heathenish believers. In complexion he is of that color that denotes a large proportion of African blood. He claims, however, descent from the Comanches or some far western tribe of Indians, and that he is a "medicine man" by inheritance and lineage. His make-up is very peculiar. His mustache stands out horizontally and slightly waxed, while a long and similarly twisted goatee falls from his chin. His head is closely shaven, save in one place, directly over his forehead, where a peculiar scalp-lock or tuft, gives a comical appearance to his unique features.

Worn on his scarf are a number of medals, bearing hieroglyphic marks, testimonials, he claims, of the cures he has effected. Besides, he exhibits a number of written certificates testifying to his mysterious deeds. Apparently he is somewhere near 50 years of age. His manners are very dignified, and his language leaves no doubt that he is as fully convinced of his mysterious power as the most devout of his followers. His laboratory at New and Broadway is a curiosity. Preserved in alcohol are two-headed chickens, snakes, and a perfect museum of monstrosities. The snakes he has cast out from patients afflicted like the man of old with the devils. The "doctor" is a power among his believers, who are convinced that no disease can baffle his charms and "yarks."

His diagnosis of a case is given in a way peculiarly his own. For instance, at the bedside of a patient attacked by the cramps, he has been heard to remark with utmost gravity: "De altitudinous of dis yere complexity requires considerable remonstrance an' keeffulness. De interiorosity have been attacked by de ferousness of de ubiquity and we have to handle it as if de dexterity war in commotion. Never mind, chile, I'esure to bring you thru with dese yere yarks."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Optim Smoking in Formosa.

The governor general says the best thing produced in Formosa is a kind of mat used for sleeping upon in hot weather. It is made of a species of palm leaf, and in texture and feeling exactly like the material of a Panama hat, though not so white. It is quite fine, soft and flexible, and it is said that a mat four by six feet, of the best quality, costs even here as much as \$100. The governor adds that the worst thing in Formosa is opium-smoking, which is widely practiced, and from my own observation, I am compelled to say, it seems to spare neither class nor condition of men. High as well as low are the victims of the habit, and they resort to it openly and without shame. I have often seen high officials withdraw from the table upon social occasions for the avowed purpose of taking a whiff. Such men as the Viceroy Li and Governor General Liu openly denounce and frown upon it, but withal there is reason to believe that the consumption of the drug, both foreign and native, is on the increase. China owes this curse principally to the British government and its subjects, who have fought for and succeeded in securing almost a monopoly of the traffic in the foreign article. Happily, under the treaty of the United States and China, the traffic in opium is unlawful for American citizens, and this fact has strengthened Americans with the Chinese authorities.—Foreign Cor. New York Sun.

Movements of the German Cavalry.

An English army officer, writing to The London Army and Navy Gazette, furnishes an interesting account of the German cavalry, from which it appears that in the ordinary demands of the annual inspection in May, every squadron must be prepared to cover 2,000 yards at a trot, 600 at a gallop and about 120 at the charge; then break up in the melee, and then on the trumpet sound "Appelle!" rally to the front at a gallop, and charge again in pursuit without renumbering or telling-off. And this has all to be done in marching order. He says "it is perfectly astonishing to see the sections wheel up into line again after a gallop of 300 or 300 yards, without leaving daylight between the files, and yet without overcrowding. I saw a squadron after a charge do this the other day again and again, with a precision I had not believed to be possible."—Chicago Herald.

At the Treasury.

A treasury official said: "I saw a touching sight—of the serio-comic sort—in the treasury the other day. A man and his wife, the latter in mourning, had been shown the place where the mutilated currency is received. Suddenly the woman's eyes filled. 'George,' she said, with half a sob, turning to her husband, 'somewhere in the building they have the dollar note that dear little baby chewed up.'"—Washington Letter.

Age of His Grandfather.

"Yes," said Featherly, "if my grandfather were alive he would be 103 years old to-day." "You don't say so," exclaimed Dunley, very much impressed. "One hundred and three years old! It doesn't seem possible."—New York Times.

Remedy for Rattlesnake Bites.

Eighty years ago Joseph Geer, the first settler at Long Eddy, N. Y., learned the cure from John Johnson, a half-breed Delaware Indian, who had his wigwam on the Pennsylvania side of the river, at the foot of Long Eddy, and eked out a miserable existence hunting, fishing and supplying the settlers with lead from a mine somewhere in the vicinity, to which he would go and get a load and return the same day. Johnson, like most Indians, was an inveterate lover of whiskey, and for a pint of it would let a rattlesnake bite him and then cure himself with his remedy, which, however, he would not reveal.

Geer always kept liquor in his house, and on an occasion when Johnson was recovering from one of his frequent spells of drinking to excess and was suffering terribly for the want of liquor, Geer, by promising never to reveal the secret while Johnson was alive, succeeded in getting the remedy for a pint of whiskey. A few years thereafter Johnson went off with a strolling band of Indians and never returned. Geer kept the remedy a secret, however, till from old age he was unable to answer the calls of the settlers when any of them or their stock had been bitten, and then told it freely to all. It is as follows:

Apply to the wound a poultice one-half each of common salt and indigo, mixed with cold water, and renew every two hours. Eat freely of the leaves, or drink often of a tea made from them, of a variety of the blue violet (V. Sagittata), commonly known as the "arrow-leaved" violet. If the bite be upon the leg or an arm, bind the leaves in a circle around it above and just beyond the swelling. Moisten with cold water as often as they get dry from the fever created by the poison, and renew two or three times a day.

During the time this remedy has been in use in Mr. Geer's neighborhood it has effected at least twenty cures upon human beings, a great many more upon beasts, and has never failed with either.

—N. Y. World.

Prince Bismarck's First Decoration.

Hon. John A. Kasson tells this interesting story of Bismarck's "first decoration":

While he was serving in the Union cavalry, in 1842, his groom, who was the son of a forester on his estate, rode into the lake to give the horse a bath. Missing his footing, the rider was thrown, and disappeared in the water. Bismarck was standing with a group of officers on the bridge, and saw his sinking groom. In an instant his sword and uniform were on the ground, and he leaped into the lake. He found the struggling man and seized him. But in the blind agony of a drowning man he clung so tightly to his master that Bismarck, helpless, was obliged to dive with his burden to loosen his hold. It seemed both were lost. But, soon after, bubbles rose to the surface, followed by Bismarck, who in the depths had detached the grip of the man and now appeared, dragging his groom with him, and swam to the shore. The inanimate form was restored to life, and the following day to duty.

For this act he afterward received the Prussian medal for "Rescue from Peril," which was his first decoration; and he proudly wore it when he had no other. Nor has he since abandoned it, for it finds its place still amid the highest orders which European monarchs have since showered upon his breast. His friends are fond of telling his answer to a much decorated diplomatist, who, seeing this lonely medal on his young fellow colleague's coat, inquired what decoration it was. Herr von Bismarck, who, at that time, had no title and had earned no courtly decoration, looked him hard in the eyes and said: "I am in the habit sometimes of saving a man's life."—Detroit Free Press.

New Source for Verbena Oil.

The Eucalyptus staigeriana tree, known as the lemon-scented iron bark, is a native of Queensland, where it was first discovered by Mr. P. F. Sellheim. Its leaves possess an odor exactly like that of the lemon-scented verbena, and the oil they yield is equal in fragrance to that of the so-called oil of verbena of commerce, which is not obtained from the verbena, but from the grass Andropogon citratus, D. C. The dried leaves, according to Staiger, yield 2 3/4 per cent. of the volatile oil of sp. gr. 0.901. The demand for the lemon grass oil is considerable, as much as 13,515 ounces having been exported from Ceylon in 1875; it is also largely manufactured at Singapore. Hence this tree, the Eucalyptus s., appears worthy the attention of planters on account of its volatile oil. The odor of the oil is quite different from that of Eucalyptus citriodora, which resembles and might be substituted for citronelle oil, so extensively used for scenting soap.—Christy's New Commercial Plants and Drugs.

Features of an Ancient Palace.

At a recent meeting of the French Academie des Inscriptions M. Leon Heuzey exhibited a plan of the palace at Tello, in Mesopotamia, which had been prepared by M. de Sarzec. Unfortunately M. de Sarzec has been compelled to leave his excavations unfinished. One of the most interesting features in the building is the existence of a number of chambers in the wall resembling doorways, but leading nowhere. M. Heuzey expressed the opinion that these were intended to be shelters against the heat of the sun. It will be remembered that precisely the same architectural feature was found by Dr. Schlieman at Tiryns.—Cleveland Leader.

A Grandson's Affection.

"Gran'ma," said a little boy of 9 years old, "how old are you?" "About 65," said the grandmother. "You'll die soon, won't you gran'ma?" "Yes, dear, I expect to." "And when I die, gran'ma, can I be buried side of you?" "Yes, dear," said she, as her heart warmed toward the little one, whom she folded closer in her arms. "Gran'ma," softly whispered the little rogue, "gimme 10 cents."—Clinton Bugle.

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